

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-13 are pending, with Claims 14-17 canceled by the present Amendment.

In the Official Action, Claims 14-17 were rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Simonoff (U.S. Patent No. 6,643,460); and Claims 1-13 were allowed.

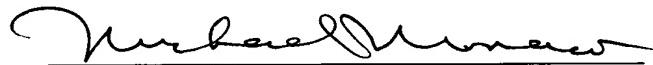
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

Claims 14-17 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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